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Request for Filing Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventor: Bates, et al.

For: METHOD, ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE AND APPARTUS FOR RESTRICTING
THE RECEIPT OF DELEGATE REPLY MESSAGES

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial Number 09/569,790, filed on May 12, 2000, and entitled "METHOD, ARTICLE OF MANUFATUCTURE AND APPARATUS FOR RESTRICTING THE RECEIPT OF DELEGATE REPLY MESSAGES".

The prior application has been incorporated by reference herein.

The following is attached:

- ☒ Transmittal sheet (in duplicate) containing Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10
- ☒ Divisional Utility Patent Application, with 11 pages Specification, 3 pages Claims (16 total claims, of which 3 are Independent) and 1 page Abstract (filing fees calculated below)
- ☒ Copy of Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Petition from prior application
- ☒ 5 sheets formal drawings
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